

# Adisadel Old Boys Association

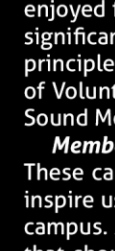


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### ADDRESS BY AOBIA PRESIDENT KOJO YANKAH AT ADISADEL COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2016



**PRES. KOJO YANKAH**

Right Rev Dr Victor Atta-Baffoe, Bishop of Cape Coast & Chairman of the Board Headmaster Mr William Kusi Yeboah, Members of the Board of our Great School, Adisadel College.

Let me sincerely register my gratitude to the Chairman for facilitating my presence at this meeting, and to all of you for allowing the President of Adisadel Old Boys Association to address this august assembly of eminent members of the Board.

**Bishop Chairman,**  
I am aware of the high recognition you all give to a dynamic Old Boys Association which has deep and genuine interest in the affairs of the School. The enormous support this institution has enjoyed from Old Boys over the past one hundred years is highly significant, all born out of the commitment to the ideals and principles upon which Adisadel was founded - Selflessness, Spirit of Voluntarism, Pursuit of Excellence, Perseverance, all based on Sound Moral Principles - Fear of God, Honesty, Sincerity and Truth.

**Members of the Board,**  
These cardinal principles I have enumerated make us proud and inspire us to do more for our Old School once we step out of this campus. As far as I am concerned, these are the same principles that should guide every person appointed by God to serve this school in whatever capacity. And it is with these ideals that I stand in your presence and address you as President of all Old Boys the world over.

**Bishop Chairman,**  
We feel very proud out there when we see Adisadel College students winning awards at various levels in our country. We celebrate all the positive developments going on here, for which we applaud the Headmaster, Management and Staff. But, let me also be honest and say that we have very serious concerns about the way Adisadel College is being run at the moment, and permit me to be frank with you all.

**1. Bishop Chairman,**  
We live in a technologically advancing world. Not only is the significant, all born out of the commitment to the ideals and principles upon which Adisadel was founded - Selflessness, Spirit of Voluntarism, Pursuit of Excellence, Perseverance, all based on Sound Moral Principles - Fear of God, Honesty, Sincerity and Truth. These cardinal principles I have enumerated make us proud and inspire us to do more for our Old School once we step out of this campus. As far as I am concerned, these are the same principles that should guide every person appointed by God to serve this school in whatever capacity. And it is with these ideals that I stand in your presence and address you as President of all Old Boys the world over.

**2. Board Chairman,**  
It breaks our hearts when Old Boys in Ghana and around the world perpetually hear reports of very sacred places like the School Chapel being used as classrooms. With the greatest respect, this is unacceptable, and the Board should take immediate steps to reverse the trend. And this should extend to all places which are not designated as Classrooms. Designated Dormitories should remain dormitories, and Classrooms should remain classrooms. This is non-negotiable.

**3. This leads me to the point about Congestion!**  
Bishop Chairman, some time last year, our attention was drawn to some cracks on the floor of Hamlyn House, which upon examination indicated that we were overcrowding our Houses of Residence. A House meant for 600 students is now holding 900. And this is happening in all the Houses. Again, this is unacceptable! God forbid, we do not want to be confronted by any disaster, epidemic, health issues or any accidents due to our own lack of control over our space and environment and gross mismanagement. That will be a big disgrace to us all.

**4. Definitely, Board Members,**  
this situation is arising because there is no rigid policy on admissions. The norm is to determine how much space is available and how many new students can be admitted. We are in receipt of information regarding an admission system based on an uncontrolled protocol list peopled by all sorts of sources which make mockery of Adisadel College as a premier school; and basically places the student population in a situation not conducive for boarding and learning. With all humility, I would like the Board to investigate this and put in place a more respectable system of admissions. I am advised that at the last stakeholders meeting, there was a decision for a Committee to review the space/student situation with a view to determining the numbers that can be admitted based on a sensible space available. This approach should be vigorously pursued. Something drastic needs to be done to save Adisadel from the tag of encouraging bribery and corruption.

**5. PTA affairs,**  
We are reliably informed that as of today, the past executives of the Adisadel Parent Teacher Association have not handed over to the current executives. Bishop Chairman, this is a matter of abuse of power and disrespect to the principle of accountability. On behalf of all Old Boys, Parents and Teachers of this great School, I appeal to the Board to invite the past executives and call them to order. These kinds of opportunities/tendencies should not be tolerated in this world of probity and accountability. People in positions of trust should set high standards in their way of life.

tools are used in their daily lives. Old Boys from the 1964 and 1965 Year Groups, with the support of NEC, have, in recognition of this basic reality, initiated computer-related interventions to take Adisadel to the pedestal where it should be in this information age. Sadly, the response coming from School Management and particularly the Computer Science Department, is at best discouraging. The Board must take a decision and overhaul the Computer Science Department as a matter of urgency. Our candid opinion is that the Head of the Computer Science Department is not up to date with modern technology. A more qualified head of the Department must be recruited to drive the future of Adisadel College.

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**6. Contributions from Old Boys**  
Board Chairman and Members, the Adisadel Old Boys Association, has for over a year now, resolved that all intentions to support the school should be routed through the National Executive Committee (NEC). The reasons are that we want to avoid duplication and also want to remain united as one body genuinely supporting the School. And in all situations we acknowledge the Year Group or Individual donor. In our books and also in our Newsletter. We want a situation where every Santaclausian, paying his dues through his Year Group is thereby recognized. We are aware of Old Boys, who for other opportunistic reasons, want to avoid the NEC and come directly to the School. We wish to appeal to the Board, the Headmaster and Management, to direct all Old Boys with good intentions to support the School to pass through their Year Group and the NEC to get to the School.

**7. Requests from the School**  
Eachday all genuine requests from the School should, with all respect, be passed through the NEC to all Old Boys. We now have a strong mechanism to reach all Year Groups and Old Boys. Talking about requests from the School, we recognize that Management, through the Regional Education Office of the Ghana Education Service, levies students for specific items and obligations. Old Boys should not be saddled with demands that are taken care of by approved GES/PTA levies. Rather, NEC will consider requests from the Board or the School for support on items outside the domain of the Ministry of Education.

**8. Priority Projects**  
Board Members, the NEC is inundated with requests from Old Boys for a list of Priority Projects for Adisadel College. On our part as NEC, we have listed the Fence Wall, Land Use Plan, a 10-Year Strategic Plan, the Dining Hall Expansion, GET-Fund projects, and so on, as some of the items. I will appreciate it if this Board Meeting, year list is also compiled to enable us present a unified front with the Old Boys Association throughout the world. This will also help us to allocate specific projects to specific Year Groups. In May this year, I am planning to address the 3-day conference of Old Boys in North America, and I intend to present only one list of priority projects.

**9. Souvenirs**  
Board Chairman, for more than a year now there has been a general agreement that the Adisadel Old Boys Association should hold in trust and protect the school logo and all related paraphernalia. While we are ensuring that this is respected, we still find some unauthorized producers and vendors, some of them with connections to the school, commercializing these items. Let me assure the board that the NEC will sanction all those found to have contravened the directive, and we shall need your support in enforcing this directive.

**10. Office for AOBIA Liaison Officer**  
At one of our meetings with the Headmaster and Management, I requested for the former office of RT Orleans-Pobee to be released to Old Boys to be used as liaison office. I hope that our request will be granted as soon as possible.

**11. Speech Day & Projects.**  
We are informed that the Ministry of Education does not approve of students being levied to fund speech days. What the NEC suggests is that all stakeholders- Board, PTA, NEC, School Management - should set up a special Speech Day Committee to raise funds and organize the event.

The Committee should open an account into which all contributions will be captured to meet the required budget. The Committee will then have to prepare financial account and a report a week after the Speech Day to be audited appropriately. We propose that a member of the Students Representative Council should be elected to sit on the Committee. I am aware that preparations for this year's Speech Day are well advanced, but I will still urge that a level of accountability installed in the management of the school. While on the subject of Speech Day, we do support special projects that have to be commissioned to gain mileage for Adisadel. These include the Sick Bay (1991 Year Group), the '78 Year Group Visitors Pavilion projects at Katanga area, the 1992 Year Group Solar Lighting of the Katanga Stairs project, and the 1990 Renovated Matchbox project..

**12. Dress Code.**  
Bishop Chairman, in Communication, we say Everything Communicates and impacts on us. These days, on social media, we have seen communicated the unsavory dress code of some members of Management and some students. While the high status of Adisadel College demands that our Management personnel dress with a sense of dignity and taste, we are equally embarrassed to find students wearing Chelsea Blue Shorts with cloth to school functions. We are asking for a Dress Code that will reflect our reputation and image.

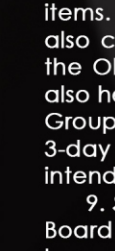
**13. Adisadel College Calendar**  
Our attention has been drawn to a calendar purporting to be the School Calendar 2016. With the greatest respect, the calendar does not befit the image of Adisadel College. Apart from the motto of the school being inapposite, the pictures are wrongly chosen, some faded and are not representative of the generality of activities to be portrayed on Adisadel Calendar. I propose that it be withdrawn immediately.

**14. Public/Private Participation**  
Dear Chairman, Members of the Board of Adisadel, the reality in the current and future development of high schools in Ghana is that Government alone cannot bear the cost of running these institutions. Adisadel not being an exception. The Church has limited funds to carry the burden on its shoulders. Old Boys have to take up the challenge. Adisadel Old Boys are discussing among themselves to present a proposal to the Board in due course for onward despatch to government. The proposal will be based on suggestions already made by Santaclausians Sir Sam Jonah and Godfred Otufoye in their respective addresses at previous Speech Days. The proposal will seek to purchase shares from government to enable Old Boys participate in the management and running of Adisadel College. The objective will be to ease the financial burden on government and help raise standards in various areas of the school. I hope we shall have the Board support when we bring the proposal before you.

**15. Conclusion**  
Finally, I wish to thank you all for the opportunity afforded me to address this session of your Board. Everything I have said here is the voice of Adisadel Old Boys out there, and it is all in good faith to help lift the image of Adisadel College. I can assure you that there are many skilled, influential, resourceful and hard-working Old Boys very concerned about what is happening in Adisadel today and very ready to support short, medium and long term plans to give our Great School a new image with refreshing and working systems. Thank you.

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### PROJECTS APPROVED BY NEC FOR INAUGURATION DURING THE SPEECH DAY

The NEC has approved the following projects inauguration during the Speech Day.

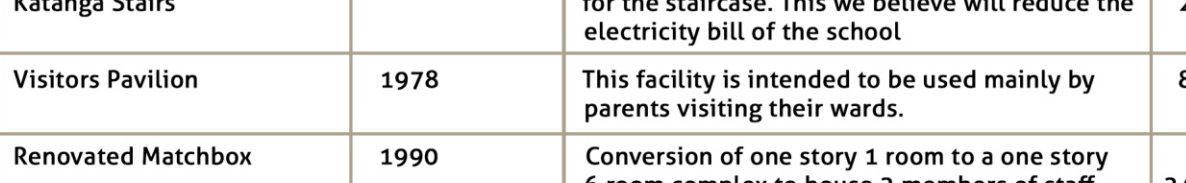
Project	Sponsoring Year Group	Description	Cost GH¢
20 Sitter Sick Bay	1991	This sick bay is intended to service the school and OPD cases of the community. In future, we intend to expand to accommodate a doctor and nurse	280,000
Solar Lighting of Katanga Stairs	1982	This project is to provide solar lighting system for the staircase. This we believe will reduce the electricity bill of the school	20,000
Visitors Pavilion	1978	This facility is intended to be used mainly by parents visiting their wards.	84,000
Renovated Matchbox	1990	Conversion of one storey 1 room to a one storey 6 room complex to house 2 members of staff. This 1990 year group were unable to complete this project for the 105th speech day.	241,000

**Fellow Santaclausians,**  
The NEC wishes to remind all Energy/Year Groups of their financial obligations for 2016. We will appreciate if Dues are paid on time to enable the NEC carry out its duties expeditiously.

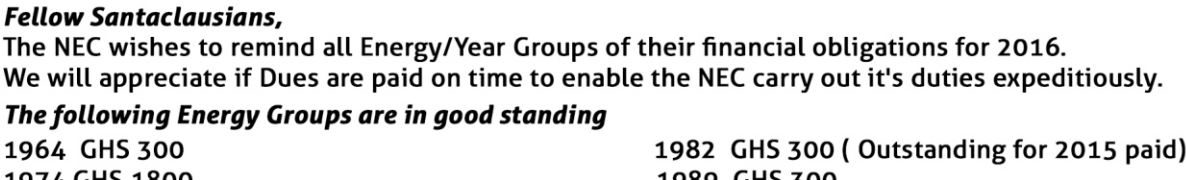
**The following Energy Groups are in good standing**

1964 GHS 300	1982 GHS 300 (Outstanding for 2015 paid)
1974 GHS 1800	1989 GHS 300
1975 GHS 500	2006 GHS 300

**1991 Project (Sick Bay)**

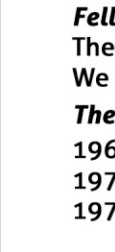


**1978 Visitors Pavilion Under Construction**



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### Stake holders Meetings

The NEC represented Old Boys on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016 to discuss issues of great concern to Adisadel College.

- Key highlights
- Speech Day
- Management & Accountability
- Staff Development
- Infrastructure
- Strategic plan & Land Use Meeting was most attended.



**Fence Wall Contribution Update**  
Below is an updated list of Contributors:

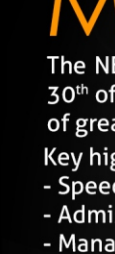
Individual Contributions	Year Group	Amount
Rt. Hon. Ebenezer BeginaSekyi Hughes	1958	GHS 4,200
Mr. MeizMajdoub	1968	GHS 1,500
Mr. AtekesEbbe	1968	GHS 1,000
Mr. Henry Osei	1990	GHS 3,000
Rev. TwumasiAnkrah	(Non Santaclausian)	GHS 3,500

*Uj Santaclausians, Stand up to Honor.*

The NEC has approved proposals submitted by the 1982 Year Group to provide Solar Street Lights on the Katanga Stairs. The project is expected to be completed before the 2016 speech day

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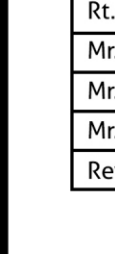
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### Pictures of Fence Wall Construction -Phase One



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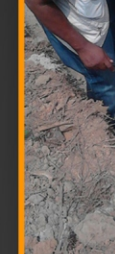
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### Pictures of Fence Wall Construction -Phase Two



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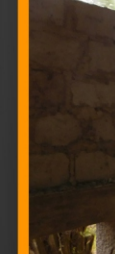
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### Encroachment



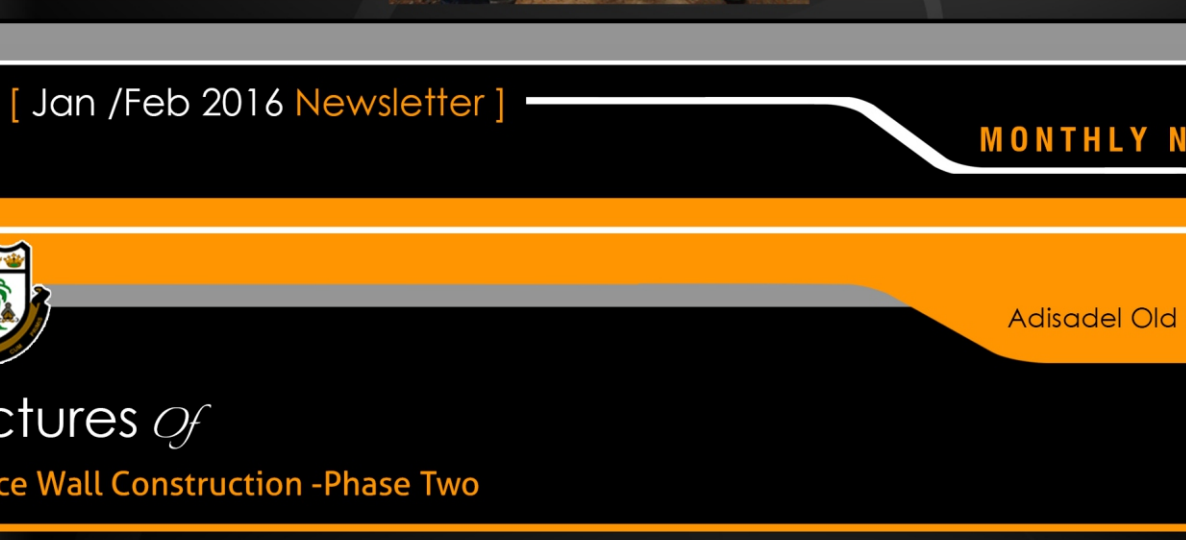
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### Visit to PaaColo



On a visit to PaaColo, on 17th October 2015, the 69ers promised him another visit before Christmas. True to their words, Wednesday, December 23 was the day of fulfillment. The 69er President, Bernard Monney explained their mission. It was prior said to the point that we came to share fellowship and resident their promise. Christmas greetings were liberally exchanged, and a presentation was made in the spirit of Christmas. The 69er Bishop Kwabena Adjetem (Ray Pollo) offered both opening and closing prayers. Both the Adisco Anthem and Ode were sung with Colo himself as the leading voice. It was heart warming to see PaaColo shed tears of joy as clear evidence of his excitement. By the grace of GOD, 69ers promise to stay in touch with Paa Colo. Remember we are his "first borns".

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